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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

LE NAOUR ET AL.

Examiner

Bobbak Safaipoor

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 March 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 16 March 2006 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 3/16/2006.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION***Priority***

Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Information Disclosure Statement

The information disclosure statement submitted on 3/16/2006 has been considered by the Examiner and made of record in the application file.

Specification

The following guidelines illustrate the preferred layout for the specification of a utility application. These guidelines are suggested for the applicant's use.

Arrangement of the Specification

As provided in 37 CFR 1.77(b), the specification of a utility application should include the following sections in order. Each of the lettered items should appear in upper case, without underlining or bold type, as a section heading. If no text follows the section heading, the phrase "Not Applicable" should follow the section heading:

- (a) TITLE OF THE INVENTION.
- (b) CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS.
- (c) STATEMENT REGARDING FEDERALLY SPONSORED RESEARCH OR DEVELOPMENT.
- (d) THE NAMES OF THE PARTIES TO A JOINT RESEARCH AGREEMENT.
- (e) INCORPORATION-BY-REFERENCE OF MATERIAL SUBMITTED ON A COMPACT DISC.
- (f) BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION.
 - (1) Field of the Invention.
 - (2) Description of Related Art including information disclosed under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
- (g) BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION.
- (h) BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SEVERAL VIEWS OF THE DRAWING(S).
- (i) DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION.
- (j) CLAIM OR CLAIMS (commencing on a separate sheet).
- (k) ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE (commencing on a separate sheet).
- (l) SEQUENCE LISTING (See MPEP § 2424 and 37 CFR 1.821-1.825. A "Sequence Listing" is required on paper if the application discloses a

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nucleotide or amino acid sequence as defined in 37 CFR 1.821(a) and if the required "Sequence Listing" is not submitted as an electronic document on compact disc).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.
2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.

This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

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Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over **Ammar et al (US Patent Application Publication #2004/0203528 A1)** in view of **Motoyama (United States Patent Application Publication #2003/0083034 A1)**.

Consider **claim 1**, Ammar et al disclose outdoor unit (abstract, paragraphs 39-49, figure 2) of a reception terminal including a return channel, wherein the return channel (BUC) comprises: a transposition means (read as mixer) that transposes a signal to be transmitted using the signal provided by the local oscillator (figure 2; paragraph 41; The signal is mixed at a mixer with the local oscillator), a wideband filtering means that allows through signals whose frequency corresponds to the transposed signal independently from the frequency of the local oscillator (paragraph 41; a band pass filter eliminates certain spurious frequencies and signals by appropriate filtering), and a waveguide element having a cover that depends on the frequency selected for the local oscillator (paragraph 11; the housing member further comprises a cover on which the waveguide parts are formed).

Ammar et al fail to disclose a local oscillator providing a signal with a frequency that can be selected from at least two frequencies.

In related art, Motoyama discloses a resultant signal that is mixed by a mixer circuit with a local oscillation signal of 10 GHz from a local oscillator circuit and frequency converted to an IF signal in the 1 GHz band (1450-1700 MHz) (paragraphs 5-7).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to incorporate the teachings of Motoyama into the teachings of

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Ammar et al to achieve attenuation characteristics being wideband and steep and allowing great attenuation in the reject band.

Consider **claim 2**, and as **applied to claim 1 above**, Ammar et al, as modified by Motoyama, disclose the claimed invention wherein the waveguide cover transforms the waveguide into a band rejector filter that rejects a bandwidth corresponding to a leak of the transposition frequency in the wideband. (Motoyama: figure 6, 8-9; paragraphs 13, 27, 30 and 34)

Consider **claim 3**, and as **applied to claim 1 above**, Ammar et al, as modified by Motoyama, disclose the claimed invention wherein the cover is either a flat cover, or a cover including slot-coupled resonant cavities. (Ammar et al: paragraph 90)

Consider **claim 4**, and as **applied to claim 1 above**, Ammar et al, as modified by Motoyama, disclose the claimed invention wherein the waveguide comprises resonant cavities coupled by slots, and in that the cover is either a flat cover, or a cover comprising elements that electrically plug the slots. (Ammar et al: paragraph 11)

Consider **claim 5**, and as **applied to claim 1 above**, Ammar et al, as modified by Motoyama, disclose the claimed invention wherein the local oscillator comprises means for selecting the oscillation frequency. (Motoyama: figures 8-9; paragraphs 4-7)

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Consider **claim 6**, and as **applied to claim 5** above, Ammar et al, as modified by Motoyama, disclose the claimed invention wherein the means for selecting the oscillation frequency is either a manual switch or a command from an indoor unit or terminal.

(Motoyama: figures 8-9; paragraphs 4-7)

Conclusion

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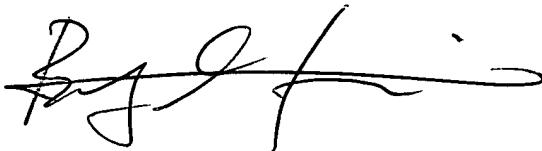
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If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, Edan Orgad can be reached on (571) 272-7884. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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